

Welcome to the Vance minute. I'm Joe B. Wiles with the Public Affairs Office...

The mission of the 71st Flying Training Wing is to deliver world-class pilots. And 15 times a year we do just that.

After more than a year of training, a class of student pilots graduates with pomp and ceremony.

This past Friday, 17 members of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-06 received their silver pilot wings.

Among those were three Air National Guard members and one Air Force Reservist.

Class 15-06 graduates will now train to fly the F-22, America's premier fighter; the A-10 Thunderbolt II, a close-air support tank-buster; the C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft; the B-52 Stratofortress bomber; and the AC-130W Stinger II gunship.

Air Force Pilots from Class 15-06 now join a brotherhood of winged warriors who have kept America strong for more than 67 years.

And that's your Vance Minute... have a great Air Force day.